

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, fair, followed by increasing clouds Wednesday afternoon; variable winds, becoming southerly and warmer.

# The Times

The Circulation of THE TIMES Yesterday WAS  
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## A RIDICULOUS MISTAKE

Passed the Proofreader's Watchful Eye.

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

But the Intelligent Public Can See the Difference Between a Roman Chair and a Folding Chair, and Will Understand the Error.

The reporter got jumped on with both feet when he straddled into the great double store and annex, 415-417 Seventh street, yesterday evening.

"You folks have made a pretty mistake in our advertisement," ejaculated both the great providers in a breath.

"Can't you printers tell the difference between a folding chair and a Roman chair?" pointing to the advertisement in the Evening paper.

The unfortunate reporter found that he hadn't any excuses with him, and all he could do was to murmur something about accidents happening even in best regulated families.

"Well, luckily, the intelligent public know the difference between a bicycle and a locomotive and they will immediately see where the mistake comes in," said Mr. Mayer, brightening up.

"But we wanted to call special attention to these two chairs because it is a close race between them as to which is the greatest bargain and getting things out of the way will confuse people."

"They will think we are asking \$1.98 for this folding chair when we are only asking \$8.00, and though plenty of people would be willing to pay \$1.98 for it, that's not our way of doing things. We can afford to sell them at \$8.00, and we are going to."

## KOHAT PASS RECAPTURED

Force Under Col. Gordon Dispenses the Afridis.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE REBELS

The Mad Mullah of Haddah Moving Forward Against the Khan of Dir to Punish Him for His Loyalty to the British—Recruits for the Rebels.

Sindia, Aug. 31.—The Afridi tribesmen who were in possession of Kohat Pass have been driven by Col. Gordon, who started at the head of a column on August 29, to retire and re-occupy the British garrisons in the Sannu mountains. Col. Gordon is continuing his advance.

The town of Bango, near Kohat, is threatened by the enemy.

The British tribesmen have risen near Mach and crossed the Afghan frontier.

The Ghazni have made a raid near Quetta, killing six natives.

The Afridi tribesmen are raiding in the vicinity of Janmura, a few miles to the eastward of Kohat Pass, and around Swat.

Their operations, which commenced this morning, are causing much alarm among the British civilians and the loyal natives.

Col. Jeffrey is equipped with his force at Isini and will penetrate the Umanthal country if such a movement is found practicable. His artillery has already crossed the Chakdara River, but the floods have prevented his horses from crossing.

Col. Reid's cavalry and infantry are ahead of the Third Brigade, and are concentrating at Maroon.

The Mad Mullah of Haddah, who is leading the Afridis, is moving forward to punish the Khan of Dir for his loyalty to the British. Col. Reid will co-operate with the Khan, and it is expected that he will capture the Mad Mullah with a flying column.

The Orakzai tribesmen are doing excellent guerrilla service, and the work of securing the British posts is thereby retarded. It is impossible to engage the Orakzais at close quarters, as they invariably retreat upon the near approach of the British. They are at present having the advantage of the forces operating against them, owing to the incapacity of their movements.

Khawassan, one of the most influential Khans of the Afridis, has joined the tribes in the Khyber Pass. His home at Peshawar has been seized by the authorities.

The Uman Pass, through which the Peshawar column is trying to reach Kohat, is reported to be strongly held by Bannas.

Heavy fighting is anticipated. There have been many snuffshots among the members of the different British columns operating against the enemy.

Lavigne to Meet Wolcott.

New York, Aug. 31.—It was learned today that "Kid" Lavigne is on his way to San Francisco, having received an offer to meet Joe Wolcott, before one of the athletic clubs on the Pacific coast.

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## VICTORY FOR M'LAURIN

His Election Conceded by the Evans-Irby Combination.

## A REMARKABLY LIGHT VOTE

Partial Returns From the Primaries Held Yesterday Indicate the Success of Senator McLaurin—The Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Ratify This Choice in January.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 31.—The returns received here by your correspondent to-night indicate that John L. McLaurin is elected to the United States Senate, defeating John Gary Evans and ex-Senator Irby.

The voting throughout the State has been remarkably light. There are still a number of backwoods precincts to hear from, and the total vote is estimated to be not more than 30,000. In Charleston 1,300 votes were cast, only one-fifth of the possible vote. Of these McLaurin polled 1,200.

Although all of the returns will not be in tonight McLaurin's election is conceded by the Evans-Irby combination.

When Senator Earle died some months ago it became necessary for Gov. Elbert to appoint a successor to serve until an election could take place. The governor himself wanted the position, but his term had expired and he had to wait a few years and try for Tillman's seat. The strongest man in the reform party was Congressman McLaurin, and after a brief delay he was appointed. The State Democratic executive committee was called to order, and an election was ordered for September 20. A campaign was waged out which required the candidates to travel over the State and make speeches in every county for two months, and a bitter warfare was waged among the followers of Sen. Tillman, who wanted the seat. Personal encounters in many instances were narrowly averted.

It was because the field against McLaurin, the other candidates being ex-Gov. Evans, former United States Senator Irby, S. C. Mayfield, and J. T. Dunham. The last named two dropped out after a brief spell of speech-making, and this had the effect of making the fight all the hotter. Gov. Evans barely escaped being overthrown on the stump in Greenville because he and another candidate, the dead Senator Earle, as the campaign was rounding the corner, McLaurin and Evans were getting so personal that it looked like a duel.

While McLaurin has won the primary, and does not put him through the general election, he has to get the choice of the people of the State, and the legislature is to ratify that election. But here is a hitch. The members of the general assembly took oath that they would support the members of the primary in the election last year, when Earle was chosen. Now many of them who are against McLaurin contend that they are not obliged to support the nominee in this race. Evans may form an independent movement to elect McLaurin in the legislature next January.

McLaurin was the candidate of Gov. Elbert. He has served several terms in Congress. It is alleged by the opposition that McLaurin's attitude on the tariff is unbecomingly democratic, and that he has endeavored to get a duty on cotton and other Southern products. He is an avowed Free Silver Democrat.

At 11 o'clock nearly half the precincts have been heard from. In a total return of 27,000 McLaurin has over 8,000 plurality, with Evans easily doubling Irby. McLaurin's majority will probably be 12,000. He is still ill at his home in Bennettsville.

One of the under-current issues in the election was the strength of Senator Tillman. In the last primary Tillman undertook to espouse the cause of John Gary Evans, and Evans was defeated, thus giving Tillman a black eye. In the opinion of the conservative or old-line Democracy of the State.

Taking counsel from this and possibly a desire to retain all his power and privilege, Tillman declared himself as neutral in the present fight. It was nevertheless everywhere understood that he favored McLaurin, and it was for that reason that the result was watched with peculiar interest. All of the candidates except McLaurin pooled their interests against not only the incumbent, but Tillman, and there was always a veiled attack on Tillman, because the criticisms of McLaurin's tariff views were equally applicable to Tillman, whose friend and protégé McLaurin is. In the only public references to the campaign Tillman spoke favorably of McLaurin's tariff views, and that set at rest the attack made on McLaurin's tariff position.

McLaurin had against him in the field both Evans, who was badly beaten on his record in 1896, and Irby, who failed to stand for reelection because it is said of his failure to make a record while in the United States Senate.

Apart from the fact that McLaurin is personally popular his sympathy with Tillman went far toward giving him the victory as reported.

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